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June 21, 2016

Ms. Nichole Distefano  
Associate Administrator of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, D.C. 20460

VIA FAX

Dear Ms. Distefano:

Attached please find a letter that I have received from my constituent (b) (6),  
(b) (6), regarding concerns about the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a response for my constituent. Please mail your response to my Roanoke office at the address marked below.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte  
Member of Congress

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Attachment

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May 27, 2016

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
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**MAY 31 2016****Re: Dominion/Atlantic Coast Pipeline Proposal**

Dear Bob:

(b) (6) the Jackson River Preservation Association, Inc. (JRPA). Our organization has been involved in the analysis of the proposed natural gas pipeline through Highland and Bath Counties in Virginia.

Noticeably absent from the parties analyzing the project are DEQ and EPA. Recently, however, DEQ has shown some interest in "vetting" the project from the standpoint of "erosion and sedimentation." That is a good sign but DEQ should get much more involved in the total analysis of the proposal, in my opinion.

The USFS has already blocked one of the proposed routes because of anticipated environmental damage and the alternate route is now under serious review by FERC.

The general feeling in the community is that FERC is no more than a "rubber stamp" and is simply going through the motions before approving the project. I certainly hope that is not true. I attended a "scoping" meeting put on by FERC at Bath County High School last Saturday but Dominion representatives seemed to be running the show. There were no panel discussions. Members of the public simply went from table to table asking questions and FERC took a number of recorded statements. It was not a true public discussion.

JRPA is charged with preserving and protecting the Jackson River but we do not have the expertise to do an in-depth review of the entire proposal. This kind of review seems better done by DEQ and EPA. This is an interstate project and, in my judgment, has huge environmental impacts which should concern EPA.

Would you be good enough to discuss the matter with EPA and let me know if they will become involved? Perhaps they already have but, if so, I am not aware of it.

I thank you for your anticipated help - and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes.

Very truly yours,

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**Re:** Constituent inquiry - Follow-up

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